

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior listings and versions of the Claims in the application.

(currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product comprisingconsisting essentially of:

- a) a mouthpiece having an inside surface and an outside surface, comprisingconsisting of a first end defining a receptacle therein and a second end comprisinghaving an outside surface capable of being grasped in a smoker's mouth and defining an outlet chamber within the mouthpiece, wherein said mouthpiece consists of a single piece of molded plastic ;
- b) a holder, the holder being directly inserted into the receptacle in the mouthpiece, the holder comprisingconsisting essentially of:
 - i) a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco product in place and allowing a volume for collection of combustion products therein, the first section having an outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the receptacle in the mouth piece,
 - ii) a second section in series with the first section and having an inside and an outside surface, the second section contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and defining a continuation of the inside chamber,
 - iii) a first annular support and a second annular support on the outside surface of the second section, each annular support being capable of holding a resilient ring thereon, and
 - iv) an annular baffle on the outside surface of the second section between the first annular support and the second annular support;

28 c) two resilient rings, one resilient ring supported on each annular
29 support, wherein the mouthpiece and the holder are contoured
30 such that when the holder is inserted into the mouthpiece the two
31 resilient rings are in snug contact with the inner surface of the
32 mouthpiece forming a sealed chamber between them in the annular
33 space between the outside surface of the second section and the
34 inside surface of the mouthpiece, and wherein the holder defines at
35 least one two restricted passages from the inside chamber to the
36 sealed chamber, said at least one two restricted passages being
37 directed towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece between the
38 two annular supports, and wherein the holder further defines an exit
39 passage having two ~~at least one~~ inlets between the baffle and the
40 second annular support and an exit into the outlet chamber of the
41 mouthpiece;
42 d) wherein the holder consists of a single piece of molded plastic[.];
43 and
44 e) wherein said holder consists further of a barrier in series with the
45 inside chamber such that combustion products can only pass
46 between the inside chamber and the outlet chamber through a path
47 through the two restricted passages, the sealed chamber and the
48 exit passage in sequence.

1 2 (cancelled)

1 3 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

1 4 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigarette with an integral filter.

1 5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigar.

1 6 (previously presented)The article of claim 1 wherein the resilient rings are
2 o-rings.

1 7 (original) The article of claim 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises
2 polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the
3 resilient rings are rubber o-rings.

1 8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has
2 symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular
3 to the central plane is circular.

1 9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage
2 is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion
3 products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in
4 passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.

1 10 (cancelled)

1 11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change
2 in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction
3 by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and
4 the outlet chamber.

1 12 (Cancelled)

1 13 (Cancelled).

14- 18 (Cancelled)